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Re: FY20 Notice of Funding Availability Question and Answer Recap #2

1. **What is the "safer Maryland" priority mentioned on page 15, C., of the NOFA Application Guidance Kit?**
    "A safer Maryland" refers to the vision of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). GOCCP's mission is "to serve as a coordinating office that advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies. GOCCP plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

2. **If the LMB is partnering with other agencies for programming, are letters of commitment and/or an MOU required for the application response?**
    These letters/MOUs are not required for the application, but may be requested as a special condition of the award if documentation of the commitment is deemed critical to the success of the program. General letters of support from vendors, partners, or other stakeholders should not be submitted and will not be considered.

3. **Is there a page limit for the NOFA application? In this regard, is there a page limit for each Program/Strategy Planning Page?**
    There are no page limits.

4. **Can we have updated data (State and County) on the target population "reducing the impact of incarceration on children, youth, families and communities?" The last data we received was: "Estimated Number of Children with a Parent Currently Incarcerated in Maryland State Prison as of 4/1/16" and "Estimated Number of Children with a Parent Currently under Criminal Supervision (Parole or Probation) as of 4/1/16."**
    We will research to see if this data is available. If it has not been updated, the Board may continue to use the 2016 data and may elect to include additional proxy data to support its application.

5. **Since each program/strategy will be scored separately, will they be ranked in order of average score against all the programs submitted by all 24 jurisdictions?**
    Yes.

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6. **Has the priority "Preventing out-of-State placements" been added to the NOFA as a priority for the LCT coordinator to address in that program's application page?**
    The LCT coordinator funding is one program/strategy that will address this priority. The Board may also elect to request funding for additional programs/strategies to address this priority.

7. **Page 17 states, "A jurisdiction may be eligible for a portion of this program/strategy funding upon successful completion of the NOFA process and a final recommendation for funding by the State Review Team that is approved by the Children's Cabinet." Does this mean there is a limit on the amount of program/strategy funding for which a single LMB can apply or be awarded? If so, what is the limit? If not, is it possible for one LMB to be awarded all program/strategy funding ($13,750,240)?**
    In an effort to remain consistent with the objective of the "Notice of Base Funding Availability Fiscal Year 2019; Three Year Community Partnership Agreement (FY19-FY21)," each Local Management Board (Board) may submit an application in response to the FY 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (FY20 NOFA) for a total funding allocation equal to the Board's FY19 allocation. Funding for Board Support may be adjusted within that allocation. Because additional funding may be available through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, each Board may include in its application requests for additional funding.

8. **Will future GOCCP grants be open to the Boards to support existing programs and/or to supplement the Children's Cabinet funding?**
    Future GOCCP funding opportunities have not yet been determined. In the interim, each Board may elect to pursue any other funding for which it is eligible to apply.

9. **For the Results Page, is this the final version? It still has draft noted on it. Should we expect an update to this document?**
    This is the final version. The "draft" watermark has been removed and a version 2 of the document posted online and on the Google Drive.

10. **For the Results Page, how long should each section be, i.e., is there a minimum/maximum length? In previous conversations about the NOFA, Boards were advised that this type of information should be limited to around a page total since we've already spoken to so much the story behind, planning process, etc. in previous NOFAs.**
    There is no page limit. We recommend not limiting the discussion on any template considering that it unusual that the same State Review Team member will review a particular Board's application in successive years.

11. **For the Strategy/Program/Planning Page, Boards are asked to discuss the need for a program/strategy. Since we already have to do this on the Results Page, are we able to use similar language?**
    There is not a specific section of the Results page that requires a discussion of the need for a program/strategy, nor is a discussion of the need for a Result necessary here. The need for a program/strategy should be discussed on the program/strategy/planning page and supported by the narrative in the Results page.

12. **Can appendices be submitted?**
    There is no prohibition on the submission of appendices; however, these should be limited to materials that serve to further describe or explain the application. For example, a survey proposed to be implemented as part of a program or an abstract or executive summary from a community plan, etc. Please do not include general letters of support from vendors, partners, or other stakeholders as appendices. These will not be considered.

13. **Page 15, Section C has seven bullet points. Is a response required for every bullet for each program/strategy?**

The bullets on page 15, section c in the "Application Review" section refer only to considerations that may be undertaken by the State Review Team in making recommendation for funding. The Board should complete and submit a program/strategy/planning page for each proposed program/strategy and may elect to address some or all of those bullets in the narrative, as applicable, but there is no requirement for the Board to do so. The bullets are only considerations for the State Review Team.

14. **Can a Board fund a program/strategy that meets the guidelines and that is operated within the same agency as the Board?**
The Board cannot provide direct services, so the staff may not serve as a case manager, or in a similar capacity, for a program that is providing direct intervention to children, families, etc. It is theoretically possible that the Board could be considered a "vendor", but the final answer depends on the particular program, the program design, and the activities of the staff, etc.

15. **If there are several programs/strategies that will address a prioritized Result, should a Results Page be completed for each program/strategy?**
A Result page should be completed for each Result the Board prioritizes for FY20. At the bottom of the Results page, list all FY20 programs/strategies proposed to impact that Result. Please complete and submit one Result page per Result, regardless of the number of programs/strategies that may be proposed to address the Result(s).

16. **Should we complete a separate program/strategy/planning page for each vendor of the same program?**
Complete and submit one program/strategy page per program, not per vendor, unless different vendors will operate differently-designed programs.